Steak Fry

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Drug problems, small community living topics of meeting

Drug use among Hoopeston youngsters and the benefits of living in a small community were two of the topics covered at Monday's Neighborhood Watch meeting.

Officer Chuck Moyer, filling in for police chief Carl Valentine, answered questions from an audience of approximately 15 people.

Moyer said recent cocaine arrests by the Vermilion County Metropolitan Enforcement Group (VMEG) has helped dry up the local drug supply - at least temporarily.

"Sources are telling me right now that you have a hard time buying drugs (in Hoopeston)," he said.

Moyer categorized local drug problems as "moderate," saying "it's not something we need to hand a red flag on the telephone poles about."

More common than drug abuse among youngsters, Moyer said, is alcohol abuse.

summer. The Vermilion County Valkyrie unit and Hoopeston police will team up this summer to conduct random stops, he said. "We're scratching the surface."

Moyer said local officers will concentrate on "small time people," leaving larger drug dealers to agencies such as VMEG and the state police.

Audience members also expressed concern about vandalism, which, Moyer said, has decreased. He attributed that fact to patrols in the downtown area by members of the Hoopeston auxiliary police.

Such patrols will be stepped up later in the summer when auxiliary officers use bicycles to cover city streets. A similar effort last summer proved quite successful, Moyer said.

Although Hoopeston is not crime-free, city streets are safe, Moyer said, adding in his 15-year tenure, he is only aware of one mugging. "I don't care where you go, you

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Briefly

Celebration '97

The Vermilion Festival Chorus, directed by Dr. Richard Zielinski, will present Celebration '97 at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 4 at St. James United Methodist Church, Danville.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens.

Fireworks collections

Last weekend's street corner collection for Fourth of July fireworks in Hoopeston raised \$2,803.87, said event organizer Sara Rhodes.

Volunteers collected last Friday and Saturday at Main and Market, Main and Penn and Routes 1 and 9.

Additionally, \$955 has been raised from business

contributions, bringing the fund's total to \$3,758.87.

Approximately \$5,000 is needed for the fireworks, but more fundraisers are planned.

Chamber of Commerce members will volunteer their time to work at McDonald's, with a portion of sales going to the fund, Rhodes said.

This year's street corner drive brought in less than last year, where approximately \$3,000 was raised, but Rhodes was satisfied with the effort. "I didn't think it was bad at all. "Everyone was very nice about it. It was a very nice weekend."

Those wishing to send contributions to the fund may send them to the Hoopeston Chamber of Commmerce Fireworks Fund, P.O. Box 346, Hoopeston, IL 60942.



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can have problems," he said. "But our streets are very

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Meeting continued from other side

safe."

Moyer also explained the behind-the-scenes efforts involved in police work. For example, he said, arresting someone for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs takes fairly little time but the paperwork can take three to four hours, however, with reports for the secretary of state's office, state police, courts and other agencies.

Also, different information is needed depending on the type of driver involved and the situation. Paperwork is different for juveniles than for truckers and if the driver is involved in an accident, there is still more paperwork. "What's really hard is if you have a minor who's drunk driving a semi and hits something," Moyer said laughing. "I don't know how long that paperwork would last. It would probably take me a month."

Moyer also praised Hoopeston residents. "The nice



Police News



A 12-year-old girl was arrested at 5:30 p.m. Monday, charged with retail theft. Police said the girl took items from Dollar General, 226 E. Main.

The girl was released to her mother on a notice to appear.

A 16-year-old girl was arrested at 8:30 p.m. Monday in the 300 block of West Penn, charged with illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor.

Police said they saw the girl driving a vehicle with a male person wanted by police as a passenger.

Solution to yesterday's puzzle

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The girl was released to a parent on a notice to appear. The male eluded police by running up an alley.

Dr. Tom Maudlin, Hoopeston Cissna Park Veterinary Clinic, 901 W. Main, reported Tuesday that someone broke a window in the office, entered the building and took medicine for animals from the refrigerator.

Joseph Watson, 801 S. Fifth Street, reported Tuesday that someone used a sliding window on his truck to steak an equalizer, amb and tube.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 12:38 p.m. Tuesday at West McCracken and Seventh Avenue.

A 1987 Dodge, driven by Phyllis Y. Cox, 308 N. Eighth Ave., was westbound on McCracken and a 1996 Ford driven by Hoopeston police chief Carl Valentine, 824 W. Washington, collided.

Police said Cox did not see Valentine because of large

In the hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital April 28, 1997

Admitted: Connie Walters, Hoopeston.

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Weather



Chance of thunderstorms today. High in the upper 60s. Tonight, rain ending. Low in the mid 50s. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy. High near 57, low near

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